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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON  
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In re Application of: Peidong Wang et al.  
Serial No.: 09/750,434  
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Title: TUNABLE FABRY-PEROT FILTER AND TUNABLE  
VERTICAL CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER  
Group Art Unit: 2828  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 4, please replace the current Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application with the following new reference:

-- Reference To Prior Patent Application

This is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/750,434, filed 12/28/2000 by Peidong Wang et al. for TUNABLE FABRY-PEROT FILTER AND TUNABLE VERTICAL CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER, which patent application is in turn a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. 09/105,399, filed 06/26/1998 by Parviz Tayebati et al. for MICROELECTROMECHANICALLY TUNABLE, CONFOCAL, VERTICAL CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER AND FABRY-PEROT FILTER. --